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GENEVA FOR WINSTON

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS, CE
SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF LAW OF THE SEA

REF: STATE 070173

LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUATE NEWSPAPER SUN OF MARCH 27 CARRIED UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE ON LAW OF SEA PROBLEMS. MOST OF ARTICLE DEVOTED TO UN ATTEMPTS TO HAVE SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE REMAIN AS PRESIDENT OF LOS CONFERENCE, REFERRING TO HECTIC DIPLOMATIC MOVES BEING CARRIED OUT BEHIND THE SCENES BY UN SECRETARIAT. WALDHEIM, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE,CONTACTED GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) LAST WEEK TO ASCERTAIN IF IT HAD OBJECTIONS TO AMERASINGHE CONTINUING AS PRESIDENT IN PERSONAL CAPACITY. GSL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE NO OBJEECTION BUT THERE MAY BE LATIN AMERICAN OBJECTIONS.

2. ARTICLE SAYS UN SECRETARIAT HAS APPROACHED GSL THROUGH A "THIRD PARTY", POSSIBLY SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN COLOMBO. IT CLAIMS THAT UN HAS NOT MADE DIREFT CONTACT REQUESTING GSL CONSIDER PERMITTING AMERASINGHE TO CONTINUE AS MEMBER OF SRI
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LANKA'S DELEGATION.

3. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE DEVOTED TO UP-COMING GENEVA MEETING. DEVELOPING NATINS ARE BELIEVED TO REMAIN TOUGH ON SHARING SEABED PROFITS, BUT HAVE LITTLE EXPECTATION OF SHARING OIL AND MINERAL WEALTH REALIZED INSIDE OTHER NATIONS' ECONOMIC SEA LIMITS.HANGING OVER THE GATHER-

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ING IS THREAT OF US LEGISLATION ALLOWING AMERICAN
COMPANIES TO BEGIN MINING, A MOVE THAT WOULD START STAMPEDE
AMONG WESTERN NATIONS AND END CHANCES OF INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL.
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